

PAN AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY

Montessori Guide Training Program: Early Childhood

Course Overview

1. Montessori Philosophy (99 Hours)

Introduces students to the origins, history, and core principles of Montessori education. The course emphasizes the guide's preparation, the significance of the prepared environment, and understanding child development stages through the lens of Montessori philosophy.

2. Human Development: Clarification of Values (20 Hours)

This course guides participants in identifying and reflecting on personal values, uncovering limiting beliefs, and nurturing emotional independence. Practical exercises encourage ethical awareness and self-knowledge for professional and personal growth.

3. Motor Development and Refined Control of Movement Through Exercises of Practical Life (115.5 Hours)

Focuses on the role of movement in child development. Students learn how Practical Life exercises refine motor skills, promote self-regulation, and prepare children for academic success through purposeful, hands-on activities.

4. Sensorial Foundations of Intellectual Life (120 Hours)

Explores how sensorial experiences build cognitive foundations. Students gain expertise in presenting Montessori materials designed to sharpen sensory perception, supporting early literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development.

5. The Acquisition of Language and Literacy Skills in One or More Languages Through a Structured Sequence of Activities (105 Hours)

Covers strategies to develop children's oral language, reading, and writing through structured, research-based Montessori activities. The course also equips candidates to support bilingual and English Language Learners (ELL).

6. The Early Preparation of the Mathematical Mind (87 Hours)

Prepares students to teach early mathematics using Montessori materials. Emphasizes developing numeracy, problem-solving, and computational skills through hands-on exploration of quantity, operations, and number sense.

7. Neuropsychiatry (99 Hours)

Equips students to recognize common neuropsychiatric disorders in children, understand their symptoms, and apply appropriate classroom management techniques for inclusive support and early intervention.

8. Child Psychology (105.5 Hours)

Introduces students to the principles of child psychology, focusing on the stages of emotional, cognitive, and social development from birth through early childhood. Emphasis is placed on observation, understanding behavior, and applying psychological insights to support each child's individual needs within the Montessori environment.